Docket No.: 061352-0046

PATENT

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of

Customer Number: 53080

Yasuo TAKEBE, et al.

Confirmation Number: 5764

Application No.: 10/696,505

Group Art Unit: 1745

Filed: October 30, 2003

Examiner: Raymond Alejandro

For: METHOD OF OPERATING FUEL CELL SYSTEM AND FUEL CELL SYSTEM

Mail Stop Amendment Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

Transmitted herewith is an Amendment in the above-identified application.

No additional fee is required.

Applicant is entitled to small entity status under 37 CFR 1.27

Also attached:

The fee has been calculated as shown below:

| | NO. OF CLAIMS | HIGHEST PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR | EXTRA CLAIMS | RATE | FEE _. |
|---------------------------|------------------|---|-----------------|------------|------------------|
| Total Claims | 112 | 112 | 0 | \$50.00 = | \$0.00 |
| Independent Claims | 28 | 28 | 0 | \$200.00 = | \$0.00 |
| | | Multiple dependent claims newly presented | | | \$0.00 |
| Fee for extension of time | | | | \$0.00 | |
| | | | | | \$0.00 |
| | | Total of Above Calculations | | | \$0.00 |

Please charge my Deposit Account No. <u>500417</u> in the amount of \$0.00. An additional copy of this transmittal sheet is submitted herewith.

The Commissioner

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge payment of any fees associated with this communication or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 500417, including any filing fees under 37 CFR 1.16 for presentation of extra claims and any patent application processing fees under 37 CFR 1.17.

Respectfully submitted,

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Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated October 23, 2006, having a three-month shortened statutory period for response set to expire January 23, 2007, please amend the above-identified application as follows.